(e) and (f) In view of the above, the Question of any CBI investigation against Super Bazar does not arise.

Burden of raising prices on middle income groups

3528. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, rice, vegetable, Fruits being produced in the country and the quantum thereof exported; and

(b) the effect of the exports of these items on the rise in prices in the country; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in regard to reducing the hardship to the middle groups who cannot bear the burden of the everrising price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The figures of production of wheat, rice, vegetables and fruits alongwith the estimates of exports are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*).

(b) The quantities of exports of these commodities being very marginal, their impact on the gerenal prices was not in any way significant.

(c) As of now, the supply position of rice and wheat is quite comfortable. However, due to slight set back in the supply of seasonal vegetables due to heavy rain, floods, disruption in traffic and lean supply of seasonal vegetables, the Government is keeping a close watch on the prices of vegetables and fruits. Efforts are being made to augment the availability of the commodities through Government retails out lets, Co-operative Stores, Super Bazar and mobile vans etc.

Statement

All India Production estimates of Wheat and Rice, vegetables & Fruits for 1991-92 *and* 1992-93 *and Exports*

Commodity	Production (In million tonnes)		Exports (Commercial)	
	1991-92 Final	1992-93 likely as on 24-6-1993	1991-92	1992-93
Wheat	55.09	57.0	Nil	Negligible
Rice	73.66	72.6	0.7	0.6
Fruits;*	32.07**	28.2*		
Vegetables;	66.24**	58.0**	8.4	0.4†

*Excluding dry fruits and plantation crops

**Source: Ministry of Agriculture. and Co-operation Source; Ministry of Agriculture.

†Agriculture and Proceseed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).